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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 22, 2002

PETITION OF

ADVANCED TELECOM GROUP
OF VIRGINIA, INCORPORATED
d/b/a ADVANCED TELECOM GROUP

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00092

Petition for authority to
cease operations and discontinue
telecommunications services
in the Commonwealth of Virginia

ORDER PERMITTING DISCONTINUANCE OF
SERVICES AND CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES

On April 23, 2002, Advanced Telecom Group of Virginia, Incorporated ("Advanced Telecom"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a Petition For Authority To Cease Operations and Discontinue Telecommunications Services in the Commonwealth of Virginia ("Petition"). In its Petition, Advanced Telecom states that it has determined that such action is a necessary business decision for the Company.¹ In addition, Petitioner requests waiver of 20 VAC 5-423-20 C 4 (requirement

¹ Advanced Telecom requests that its certificates of public convenience and necessity ("CPCNs") be cancelled. Advanced Telecom holds CPCN Nos. T-453 to provide local exchange telecommunications services and TT-73A to provide interexchange telecommunications services issued July 29, 1999, in Case No. PUC-1999-00088.

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that individual customer notices contain particular customer's network information) of the Commission's Rules Governing the Discontinuance of Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Provided by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers ("Discontinuance Rules") and 5 VAC 5-20-30 (requirement that pleadings or papers be filed on behalf of party by licensed local Virginia counsel) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Pursuant to 20 VAC 5-411-40 of the Commission's Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules"), Advanced Telecom cannot "abandon or discontinue local service . . . except with the approval of the Commission, and under the terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe." Additionally, the Discontinuance Rules (20 VAC 5-423-10 et seq.) require CLECs to file a formal petition for authority to cease local exchange operations and discontinue service and to provide at least 30 days' written notice to its customers. The Commission's primary concern with authorizing discontinuance is that adequate customer notice be given. Advanced Telecom's Petition complies with the IXC Rules and the Discontinuance Rules. Pursuant to the Petition, the Company represented that customers will be provided forty (40) days' notice through two scheduled notification letters.²

² A copy of its initial customer notice and second written notice is attached to the Petition. The customer notices appear to satisfy the requirements of the Discontinuance Rules.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being sufficiently advised, will grant the requested discontinuance of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00092.

(2) Advanced Telecom is hereby granted authority to discontinue its provision of local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services provided in Virginia effective June 7, 2002.

(3) On or before June 4, 2002, Advanced Telecom shall report to the Commission's Division of Communications the number of any remaining local exchange and interexchange telecommunications customers affected by the proposed discontinuance.

(4) Advanced Telecom's Certificate Nos. T-453 and TT-73A and associated tariffs are hereby cancelled, effective June 7, 2002.

(5) Advanced Telecom is hereby granted waiver of 20 VAC 5-423-20 C 4 of the Commission's Discontinuance Rules and 5 VAC 5-20-30 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

(6) This case shall be closed, and the papers herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.